



CITY OF STOCKTON

THE WEEK THAT WAS

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A Report from the City Manager

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BLACK FAMILY DAY

Black Family Day sponsored by the African American Chamber of Commerce and the City of Stockton, was held Monday, September 1, at three downtown facilities: the Civic Auditorium, Martin Luther King, Jr. Plaza, and McLeod Lake Park. Over 1,500 people attended the event. There were a variety of cultural foods and merchandise booths with items for sale as well as entertainment all day from various cultural artists. The event was extremely successful and fun for all.

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SEPTEMBER 11TH EVENT

The City remembered those who died in the terrorist attacks of September 11th. Pastor Mark Holmerud was the Master of Ceremonies. Mayor Podesto welcomed residents and City staff to the event.

The noon time event was preceded with the ringing bells around the City at 11:55 a.m. to begin the event. The Lincoln High band led off the program with patriotic music. Franklin High's ROTC posted the colors during the program. The event included many local religious leaders who offered prayers and remembrances of those who died. Local schools allowed students to take a field trip to City Hall to witness the event.

Police and Firefighters paid tribute to those in New York who perished while doing their duties in saving as many people as possible before the Trade Center Buildings collapsed.

The American Legion Karl Ross Post 16 participated with a reading by Post member, Magdy Zakhary. The Post also organized the event with Pastor Holmerud and City staff. The program was highlighted with the presentation of a flag by Travis Air Force Base. The flag once flew over the U.S. Capitol building and was secured for the City by Congressman Richard Pombo.

Another highlight of the event was the singing of the "Star Spangled Banner" by Stockton Police Officer Richard Fields, Stockton Fire Captain Jim Miller, and Stockton Fire EMS Rocky Ramirez.

Councilmember Leslie Martin, City Manager Mark Lewis, Police Chief Ed Chavez, and Fire Chief Gary Gillis joined Mayor Podesto as the City representatives for the event.

Chiefs Chavez and Gillis received the donated flag from Travis Air Force. The flag will sit in a glass case in City Hall.

The event concluded with Firefighter Brandon Doolan playing "Amazing Grace" on the bagpipes. (CM)

GROUNDWATER PERCOLATION TEST

The San Joaquin Area Flood Control Agency (SJAFC) has agreed to allow the City of Stockton to use SJAFC Basin No. 2 for a short-term groundwater percolation test. Basin No. 2 is approximately 16 acres in size and is located south of Morada Lane, between the Southern Pacific Railroad tracks and Mosher Slough.

Water from the Woodbridge Irrigation District (WID) will be used to flood the basin via a nearby WID lateral. The study is intended to evaluate the basin's potential for groundwater recharge and will be conducted between mid-September and mid-November of 2003.

On a daily basis Municipal Utilities staff will monitor basin inflows, water levels, and evaporation rates from local weather stations. With this data the actual basin percolation rates can be calculated for the extended test period. (MUD)

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Business was usual at After School Programs throughout the City this week. The theme at many sites was the remembrance of the tragedy of 9/11/01. Card and flag making seemed to dominate arts & crafts for the week. Attendance increased at many sites where the number of registered students was low for the first two weeks. Parents are getting used to new program policies and payment policies. A number of parents utilized the Thursday option of payment at the site.

In the Middle School program staff continued accepting registration and is currently forming flag football and girl's basketball teams at each site to participate in Fall games. Attendance is improving daily with an average of 20-25 kids a day at each site.

In the Youth Enrichment Services (YES) program staff held Mandatory Parent Meetings at San Joaquin and Adams Elementary. These meetings are held at the beginning of each year to inform parents of program information and changes, upcoming events, new staff, and grant requirements for the school year. On Tuesday, Sept. 16, 2003, staff will be holding a final meeting at Rio Calaveras Elementary. (P & R)

OAK PARK SENIOR CENTER

There has been a large turnout each week at the Oak Park Senior Center for Tuesday and Thursday tea dances. Seniors have enjoyed the music as well as the air conditioning in the ballroom. The Center's fitness center is averaging about 40 people a day; many of the seniors are coming on their doctor's advice. The Center is gearing up for a parking lot sale on Saturday, October 4.

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YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION

On Saturday, January 6, Youth Advisory Commissioners Katie Goodwin, Julie Garcia, and Qiana Moore judged over 20 acts for Apollo Night Auditions at the Sherwood Mall. YAC Advisor Pennie Ruffin attended a California Parks and Recreation Society (CPRS) Teen Roundtable Workshop meeting in Turlock Thursday, September 10. The committee agreed to have a specific group to plan for the teens in District V. The group agreed to have regular meetings and to receive approval from the existing District V CPRS Board.

Youth Advisory Commissioners Anthony Escobar and Karla Brown represented YAC at the Franklin High School's Back to School night. Information was distributed on meeting times, events planned and the need for participation from all youth. Flyers and magazines were distributed with information on instructional classes for Teens.

Applications for the 2003-2004 Youth Leadership Academy were distributed to all area high schools, community centers and community agencies. The deadline for submission has been extended to September 22.

YAC and YEAT will host ten Russian delegates from the People to People International Stockton/San Joaquin Chapter on Friday, September 12. Commissioners Stephanie DiSerio and Katie Goodwin will give a brief description of their experience participating in Youth In Government and the Youth Advisory Commission in the Council Chambers Friday morning as well as presenting the delegates with certificates at a dinner Friday evening.

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VAN BUSKIRK CENTER ACTIVITIES

The Van Buskirk teen club has been discussing the Haunted House at McKinley Community Center. After the meeting teens cleaned out a back room to get all the Halloween supplies out for transport to McKinley. The teens also discussed the possibilities of having a teen dance after the upcoming Six Flags Marine World trip. The Teen Club will also play an important part in the Family Affair II event Saturday,

September 13. At the Family Affair event there will be ten performing acts along with carnival games, bounce houses, and music provided by Powerhouse Entertainment.

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INSTRUCTIONAL CLASSES

Classes for parents and tots began this week. Mommy & Me Music began Tuesday at the First Baptist Church, KinderArt began Wednesday at Seifert, and KinderGym began Thursday and Friday at Seifert Center. These classes are instructed by Nancy Harlow, one of our most popular Parks & Recreation instructors. A new class for children began Saturday at the Seifert Center. Children's Theater Production includes instruction in singing, dancing, costumes, props, etc. for ages 5-12. The course ends with a mini-production on the last class with family and friends invited to be the audience. Round Dance classes began on Monday and Salsa began on Wednesday; both classes meet at the Oak Park Senior Center. Belly dance classes continue on Thursday and Monday, and Swing and Country Line continue on Thursday night at the Oak Park Senior Center.

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CITY-WIDE YOUTH SPORTS

Punt/Pass/Kick competitions have begun at Seifert Center and will continue through Saturday, September 27. The finals will be held at Oak Park Friday, October 17, at 6 p.m. Fifteen participants showed up for the first event and more will be added each Saturday. Girls 7th & 8th Basketball will begin on September 20 rather than the 13th because the middle schools need more time to recruit players. (P & R)

ARCH ROAD/SR99 INTERCHANGE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

A significant milestone has been reached with the interchange reconstruction project and major construction activities that are taking place. The temporary bridge over SR99 just south of the existing Arch Road Bridge was opened to traffic on Thursday, September 11. On Friday, September 12, motorists began using the temporary northbound SR99 on-ramp from Arch Road near Imperial Way.

On Monday, September 15, the northbound SR99 off-ramp traffic will be detoured to Mariposa Road for a six to eight week period until the temporary off-ramp, just south of Arch Road, is completed. This will enable the contractors to expedite the construction of both the north and south abutments for the new Arch Road Undercrossing.

Now that the temporary bridge south of the existing Arch Road Bridge is in service, the existing Arch Road overcrossing can be demolished. Demolition of the existing Arch Road overcrossing will be done on the three successive nights beginning Tuesday, September 16, from 10:00 P.M. to 5:00 A.M. each night. SR99 will be closed in both directions during the demolition operation and detours will be provided on the frontage roads on both sides of the freeway. Flaggers and changeable message signs will be present during the seven-hour closures to guide traffic. The freeway and the ramps at the interchange will be reopened and fully functional by 5:00 A.M. each of the three mornings. Notices to nearby businesses and residents have been distributed and a press release has been issued regarding the closure and traffic detours.

This is part of the massive Arch Road/State Route 99 Interchange Reconstruction Project, the first single-point urban interchange in the Central Valley and only the second such interchange in Northern California. The urban interchange design controls all interchange traffic movement from one signal. Construction is anticipated to be completed by the Fall of 2005. (PW)

EIGHT-MILE ROAD/I-5 INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENTS

Caltrans recently approved the appraisal report for the acquisition of right-of-way for the detention basin proposed at the northwest quadrant of the interchange. Real property agents will now be able to proceed with acquisition. This is the only property acquisition required for this project. Currently the project design is at the 100% stage and construction is anticipated to start in January of 2004. (PW)

HAMMER LANE PHASE II AND WEST LANE WIDENING PROJECT

DeSilva Gates Construction (DSG) recently completed most of the demolition operations along the north side of Hammer Lane between Tam O'Shanter and Lorraine and the west side of West Lane from Swain Road to Knickerbocker. The contractor has begun the grading work for the widening of the roadway and construction of the curb, gutter, and sidewalks along these segments. In addition DSG has begun installing the electrical conduits necessary at the various signalized intersections within the project limits.

In order to prevent further delays and minimize additional costs Public Works staff recently issued field orders for additional work due to utility conflicts, to conform curb elevations to match existing

improvements, to provide a temporary pedestrian crossing at the west side of the Hammer Lane/Tam O'Shanter intersection, to remove conflicting striping, and for removal of a concrete foundation that is in conflict with the proposed improvements. Change orders are being processed. The sum of these change orders is anticipated to be approximately \$16,500. (PW)

EL DORADO STREET WIDENING (BIANCHI TO YOKUTS)

The final improvement plans have been completed and Public Works staff has already received construction authorization from Caltrans. The right-of-way acquisition from East Bay Municipal Utilities District has also been completed. The City will begin advertising for bids in mid September and receive bids in October. The City is currently finalizing the co-operative agreement with the San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG). Construction is anticipated to begin this December.

The project improvements include widening of the corridor to three lanes in the northbound direction from Bianchi to Yokuts. The southbound direction will generally be widened to include three lanes from Yokuts to Jamestown, with a transition to two lanes south of Jamestown. Dual left turn pockets from El Dorado will be incorporated. The scope of work includes constructing concrete curb, gutter, sidewalk, wheelchair ramps, heavily landscaped and irrigated raised medians, minor storm system improvements, and signal improvements. In addition an art component consisting of a bus shelter will be integrated into the project. (PW)

NORTH STOCKTON POLICE STATION

Deide Construction has completed nearly all interior framing to the existing building. The foundation and floor slab for the shower and locker room addition was poured and wall framing in this area has started. All interior electrical is nearly complete and "rough-in" of the heating and air conditioning system has started. Deide installed the drainage system for the planter located in front of the building. The planters are scheduled to be poured in mid September. Deide completed underground electrical, irrigation, and foundations for the courtyard area on the south side of the building. Wall construction at the perimeter of the courtyard is in progress. Demolition of damaged existing driveways and sidewalks along the street has been completed and will be replaced towards the middle of the month.

The artist team, Deide Construction, the architect, and construction manager are continuing their effort to coordinate artwork that will be integrated in the wrought iron fencing and brick planters. The contract completion date is November 23, 2003. (PW)

PERSHING AVENUE AND HARDING WAY INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT- LEFT TURN PHASING

In response to requests by area residents at the project's first public meeting, Imbsen and Associates conducted a second noise study on Sunday, September 7, 2003. They are currently compiling one noise report that combines both the original weekday and weekend noise studies and are progressing on the 50% design drawings. The environmental sub-consultant is also finalizing the biological and cultural reports which will complete the technical environmental process required by Caltrans for NEPA approval. A second public meeting is being scheduled for December, 2003 to present the 90% designs and results of the environmental studies. Construction is scheduled to begin in May, 2004.

City staff recently issued CCO #3 in the amount of \$3,200 for additional work required for right-of-way acquisition at the northeast and southeast corners of the Pershing Avenue/Harding Way intersection. The unexpected need for these small corner pieces became evident as the design progressed. City staff has met with these affected property owners and are currently negotiating acquisition of the required right-of-way. (PW)

TAFT AREA IMPROVEMENT, PHASE III, MARY AVENUE

Construction continues on the Taft Area Improvement Project, Phase III: Mary Avenue. The old street pavement has been removed and the street has been graded to the new contour. Installation of the storm drain lines is complete. Installation of the curbs, gutters, and sidewalks has begun.

The Taft Project is funded by a federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) through Housing and Redevelopment. The prime contractor is George Reed Construction of Lodi. Kleinfelder, Inc. is providing construction management and inspection services. Work is scheduled to be complete in early October. (PW)

WESTON RANCH BIKE PATH

A.M. Stephens Construction of Lodi, CA has completed the grading and preparation of the subgrade for the bike path and the ramps. The next phase of work will be paving the entire limits of the bike path. The

artist has submitted a "Logotherm" design concept to the Public Art Committee for review. Logotherm is a high resolution colored graphic thermoplastic material which is fused to asphalt pavement similar to the way a decal would be "ironed on" to a T-shirt. The art designs consist of art nouveau patterns. The design contains wildflower patterns integrated with modern patterns representing the transition of the urban housing development to the rural areas north of the levee. The Art Committee will meet on 9/17.

Construction is anticipated to be completed near the end of October. (PW)

STOCKTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Stockton Fire Department handled 705 calls for service during the week of September 5 at 0800 hours to September 11 at 0800 hours.

16 Vehicle fires
16 Grass fires
15 Structure fires
45 Fire alarms
67 Vehicle accidents
11 Hazmat incidents
66 Miscellaneous calls
for service
469 Medical calls

On Tuesday, September 9, there was a structure fire in a single-family residence at **2490 E. Park Street**. The fire was caused by a pan of grease left cooking unattended on the stove. Damage is estimated at approximately \$1,000 to the structure.

On Wednesday, September 10, there was a vehicle fire at **840 W. Fifth Street**. Damage is estimated at approximately \$5,000.

On Wednesday, September 10, there was a structure fire in a multi-story, multi-family residence at **3830 Alvarado Avenue**. The fire was caused by a faulty electrical outlet in the bedroom. Damage is estimated at approximately \$4,000 to the structure and \$500 to the contents.

On Wednesday, September 10, there was a second alarm structure fire in a multi-story, multi-family residence at **807 N. El Dorado Street**. The cause of the fire is under investigation. Damage is estimated at approximately \$200,000 to the structure and \$75,000 to the contents. (FD)

ARSON INVESTIGATIONS

Thirty-one fire investigations were conducted in the last seven days:

- Eight structure fires: one was arson, four were accidental, two were undetermined, and one was caused by a child playing with matches.
- Six vehicle fires: one was arson, two were accidental, and three were undetermined.
- Seventeen outdoor type fires: two were arson, one was accidental, and fourteen were undetermined.

The dollar loss due to arson for this year is \$1,243,950. (FD)

TRAINING

This week began September Tower Drills. This drill is a continuation of the Terrorism Consequences Management Course started earlier this year and focuses on first responder's initial actions and decisions at an incident. (FD)

FIRE PREVENTION

All high-rise buildings have been inspected. Disabled workers on upper floors were advised on emergency evacuation plans.

Beginning 2004 all required Fire department permits will be listed on business licenses, and the Fire Department permit annual renewal fees will be coupled with annual business license fees. (FD)

DEVELOPMENT CODE

The Community Development Department has completed a comprehensive review of the Draft Development Code which was previously recommended by the City Planning Commission. The

proposed revisions to the Draft Development Code have been transmitted to the Planning Commission for their review at a Planning Commission study session which will be held on September 25 at 5:30 p.m. in the Permit Center Conference Room. An additional study session will be held, if necessary, and a public hearing will be held in October. It is anticipated that a City Council study session on the proposed Development Code, as amended, will be held in November or December. (CDD)

CITY CENTRE CINEMAS PROJECT

The roofing for the theaters is ongoing along with the interior framing, sheetrock, & ceiling tiles. The first pour for the stadium seating took place this week. The forms are actually built out of blocks of foam and then overlaid with concrete. The steel structure in the retail spaces has been started and concrete pours in the lobby area are proceeding. The demolition and grading of the plaza area has also begun. The project is still on schedule for a mid-December opening. (HRD)

NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES STREET COLLECTION PROGRAM

Neighborhood Services Division completed the seventh full month of the Clean-up pilot project. The program consists of utilizing two California Conservation Corps employees to respond to citizen complaints about small amounts of trash, junk, and debris in a timely manner. In addition they patrol the City looking for items dumped on the street or private property.

During the month of August 16,200 pounds of trash and debris [an average of 810 pounds of debris each day] was collected during the 20 work-day period. The crew responded to 67 citizen complaints and patrolled 1,532 miles [a daily average of 76.6 miles].

Since the inception of the program in late January the crew has collected a total of 184,720 pounds of discarded material, patrolled 11,103 miles of city streets, and responded to 444 complaints from citizens. (HRD)

V.O.I.C.E. PROGRAM

Volunteers Out Identifying Code Enforcement (VOICE) enlists citizens to help clean up and reduce blight in their neighborhoods as well as provides a means of working closer with the City of Stockton. Since April 2003 thirty-six new volunteers have joined the program, bringing the program total to 182 citizens who have received training on the VOICE process and are using the program in their neighborhoods. Members of several neighborhood improvement organizations as well as City of Stockton employees have become involved with the program, including S.N.A.G (Safe Neighborhoods Action Group), St. George's Neighborhood Betterment Committee, S.T.A.N.D. (Stocktonians Taking Action to Neutralize Drugs), East Police Advisory Board, Wrangler Circle Neighborhood Watch Group, 8th Street Neighborhood Watch Group, T.O.R.A. (Tuscany Organized Residents Association), Stockton Police evidence technicians, and V.I.P.S. (Volunteers in Police Service). (HRD)

NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES MONITORING

This week's update is from Lakeview, which encompasses the northwest portion of the City between Harding Way and Pacific Avenue.

Kelley Drive

Neighborhood Services Division is currently working on 11 properties/tenants on Kelley and Bancroft Drives. Citations have been issued for dumping junk and debris on or in the street. In addition Violation Warning Notices and Administrative Citations have been issued for public nuisance, housing, and vehicle violations. Ongoing re-inspections are being conducted throughout the area.

Pawnee, Comstock Drive, Colt Drive, Cody Way, Hickock Court, and Hickock Way

Neighborhood Services Division is conducting proactive code enforcement inspections. Three Violation Warning Notices that had been issued were found to be in compliance and no further citations have been issued. Re-inspections are being conducted on a regular basis throughout the area.

Antoine Ct

Three properties continue to be monitored for yard maintenance. This month's proactive monitoring found two abandoned vehicles which were referred to the abandoned vehicle abatement officer for abatement.

Sherill and Stacey Courts

Neighborhood Services Division is continuing with special code enforcement activities in the area. A few of the property owners have hired contractors and have started repairs.

East Bay Municipal Utility

District

The Police Department working with Neighborhood Services Division has been removing vagrant encampments under the I-5 freeway. The Police Department has made several arrests.

Miscellaneous

Citations have been issued for landscape and property maintenance violations on Porter Way. Property owners are responding, lawns are being reseeded, and other repairs are being made.

Numerous violations have been cited at the Golden Tiki apartments. The swimming pool will be demolished and filled in by the owners.

S.J. County Channel Maintenance is mowing down bamboo and other vegetation along the Calaveras River. Several transients have been displaced.

Abatement is in progress to clean up the large vacant lot on Rosemarie Lane.

The mobile screen trailer that is being moved in and out of the City limits on Thornton Road is being issued citations by PD. The owner continues to violate the ordinance.

Several tenants in the Colt/Cody neighborhood placed piles of junk out after the garbage company came by on September 6 for the annual curd-side cleanup. Citations are being issued.

New sod and other landscape have been installed on Kelley Drive and the area is much improved. There is ongoing AVA enforcement in the area.

The problem tenants at a Thornton Road address have been evicted by the owner. The water and power theft problem has stopped. A large amount of trash and garbage in the rear yard has been removed from the dwelling and is being hauled to the landfill by the owners. Numerous crack pipes and other drug paraphernalia were found in and around the dwelling. (HRD)

HAVEN OF PEACE

Housing staff received the 2002-2003 annual performance report of the Haven of Peace Emergency Shelter this week. As stipulated in the Federal Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) program requirements, at the conclusion of each fiscal year, each emergency shelter provider receiving ESG funds must submit a performance report at the end of each year. The report must describe the accomplishments of the shelter's program resulting from the allocation of ESG funds as measured by the number of homeless persons served.

During the period July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003 the Haven of Peace Emergency Shelter housed 351 unduplicated individuals from San Joaquin County. The total number of individuals housed was 565, which includes those who received services more than once per year. Total night stays during 2002-03 was 12,379. The Haven's target population is homeless, low-income women, and children with a per night capacity of thirty-five.

The Haven of Peace was established in 1957 as an emergency shelter for women and children. Its primary focus was to provide homeless individuals with food, clothing, and lodging. Recently the Haven's focus has expanded to include supportive services to the residents such as counseling, parenting classes, life skill classes, and case management. All of these services are intended to better assess the causative factors to homelessness such as domestic violence and mental illness.

In September 2001 Council approved a grant of \$30,000 in ESG funds for the non-staff operational costs for the shelter as part of the 2002-2003 Action Plan. The ESG funds were used towards administering the agency's food and shelter program. The City reimbursed the shelter for expenses such as utilities, building repair and maintenance, program expenses including bookkeeping, auditing, and taxes.

Additional demographics about the clients assisted by the shelter this past year are included in the annual report. All of the 351 clients were families headed by a female. On an average day the shelter housed 21 adults and 14 children. The ethnic breakdown of the City of Stockton clients is as follows: 41.6% Caucasian, 23.6% African American, 28.2% Hispanic, 1.7% Asian, 2.0% Native American, and 2.9% Other. (HRD)

SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Housing staff received the Annual Performance Report from the San Joaquin Delta College Small Business Development Center (SBDC) this week. As stipulated in Federal Community Development

Block Grant (CDBG) regulations, all sub-recipients receiving CDBG funds must provide a report on the accomplishments brought about by the utilization of CDBG funds. Council approved a grant of \$60,873 in CDBG funds for the operational costs for the Small Business Development Center. The SBDC utilized these grant funds from September 2001 through December of 2002. SBDC submitted a final performance report covering this 16-month period. Accomplishments are measured by the type of activity funded and the number of clients served by that activity.

With the financial assistance of Council approved CDBG allocations, the SBDC has undertaken the activity of increasing the viability of existing businesses in Downtown Stockton, assisting companies with expansion opportunities, attracting new businesses, employees, and customers to the Downtown area.

The Small Business Development Center assisted 723 individuals who are small business owners or are interested in starting a business. Of the 723 people 412 (56.9%) were female clients that are head of their household. A total of 29 full-time jobs were created by the SBDC, of which 20 jobs were for low-income individuals. SBDC also retained 12 full time jobs, of which 8 were for low-income individuals. Seventeen part time jobs were also created.

During the period September 26, 2001 through December 31, 2002 the SBDC offered a variety of business management workshops co-sponsored by the African American Chamber of Commerce, Mexican-American Chamber of Commerce, Comerciantes Unidos, and the Central Valley Asian American Chamber of Commerce. Eighty-three individuals from the City of Stockton attended those workshops. The topics of these workshops included: "Starting A Business" (a monthly start-up workshop presented in English and Spanish), "Small Business Financing," "Choosing the Best Legal Organization for Your New or Existing Business," "Reading and Understanding Your Credit Report," "Income Taxes," "Marketing Your Business," and "Where is the Money."

Housing staff will compile this information into the Integrated Disbursement Information System (IDIS) which must be reported to HUD as part of the Consolidated Annual Performance Report (CAPER). The CAPER is a critical reporting mechanism that HUD will utilize in evaluating the City's effectiveness in meeting its annual goals, timeliness of expenditures, measurement of serving low-income persons and appropriate use of federal funds. (HRD)

INSPECTIONS

Inspections were made at 27 West Essex Street and 1751 E. Anderson Street as part of the Single Family Rehabilitation Program. Both homes need roof replacement, painting, and bathroom repairs. The Anderson Street home is an older home and will also need window and door replacement as well as kitchen remodeling.

An inspection was completed at 8733 Landsdowne as part of the Homebuyer's Assistance Program. The home passed inspection and the borrower's application for down payment assistance will continue to be processed. (HRD)

DOWNTOWN MARINA

The final phase of loan monies was awarded to the City by the State Department of Boating and Waterways (DBAW) Commission at their meeting of September 11th. The final award of \$3 million brings the total loan to \$13.3 million for construction of the new downtown marina. The total cost is estimated at \$17.2 million for a 298 berth marina with parking, harbormasters complex, dry storage building, fuel dock, promenade, and landscaping improvements, new lighting and enhanced security. HRD staff is currently working to obtain grant monies from the Resources Agency that are available for the promenade reconstruction. The City will be eligible to apply for additional grants from DBAW for marina sewage pump out improvements and utility improvements once detailed design and engineering plans have been completed. (HRD)

LIBRARIAN SELECTED TO ATTEND GUADALAJARA BOOK FAIR

Angelou Branch Librarian Alex Bailey has been selected by the American Library Association (ALA) to participate in the ALA-FIL Free Pass Program to attend the Guadalajara Book Fair later this year. The Guadalajara Book Fair is the largest Spanish language book fair in the western hemisphere and provides an unparalleled opportunity to evaluate and purchase books and other materials for inclusion in the Library's collections. Many of the materials are very hard, if not impossible, to find in the United States; in addition, librarians are able to get large discounts on materials purchased. As a participant to the Free Pass Program, Ms. Bailey will receive a \$100 travel reimbursement, three nights' free lodging, and free registration to the book fair. (LIB)

POLICE DEPARTMENT CALLS/INCIDENTS

During the period September 4-10 the Stockton Police Department handled 6,992 calls for service, incidents, and/or reports. (POL)

COMMUNITY HEALTH ACTION TEAM (CHAT)

The CHAT issued a Civil Penalties Notice and Order for a duplex in the 1100 block of North Sutter, granting 45 days for compliance. A 16-unit apartment complex also located in the 1100 block of North Sutter was reinspected and all violations had been corrected. A 20-unit apartment complex located in the 300 block of East Flora was also reinspected. Ongoing pest control of the apartment building is underway and has made a dramatic difference, according to tenants. An Inspection Warrant was served on a single-family residence in the 800 block of North San Joaquin, where second floor ceilings were caving in from the weight of significant amounts of pigeon droppings in the attic. The attic also contained several dead and live pigeons. Knock-and-talks were conducted in the 700 block of North Sutter and residents are reporting a dramatic reduction in activity following recent evictions of residents of an apartment complex located on the corner of Sutter and Park. Abatement of inoperable vehicles continues throughout RDs 116 and 117, as well as a portion of RD 166. To date 102 vehicles have been cited in the 3 areas and all but 14 have been restored to service, garaged, towed, or otherwise removed from the property. Full-housing reinspections are continually being performed in RDs 116 and 117, with 39 conducted to date and 23 considered active. Reinspection of blight-related violations throughout RDS 116 and 117, and a portion of 166 continue, with 124 blight violations issued and 77 cases remaining. Three arrests were made for possession of narcotics and drug paraphernalia. (POL)

GANG STREET ENFORCEMENT TEAM (GSET)

During September 2-8 the GSET conducted 96 field interviews; made 11 felony, 6 felony warrant, and 3 misdemeanor warrant arrests; issued 7 citations; towed 1 car; made 25 traffic stops; and confiscated 3.90 grams of rock cocaine, 6.50 grams of meth, and .50 grams of heroin. Year to date 2003 the GSET has confiscated 64 guns and 383 guns since its inception. (POL)

TRUANCY

During the period September 1-5, 32 students were processed for truancy, of which 10 were repeat offenders. (POL)

PAROLEE ARREST

While the GSET was attempting to arrest a parolee on September 8 he barricaded himself in an apartment in the 1400 block of East Poplar. The Team forced entry and cleared the apartment, noticing a space in the attic had been opened. The parolee's girlfriend confirmed that the suspect was inside the apartment and fled into the attic when Police arrived. A Police K-9 assisted Officers in clearing the attic, which was very involved and connected to several other apartments within the complex. After an extensive search the parolee was found hiding in an adjoining apartment and was taken into custody. (POL)

NARCOTICS ARRESTS

The GSET, while searching for a parolee-at-large in the 2700 block of Roosevelt on September 8, saw two subjects fleeing upon their arrival. The suspects were captured after a foot chase and arrested for being in possession of 50 grams of heroin and outstanding warrants. The suspects also had \$3,000 cash in their possession. On September 10, two suspects fled from Narcotics Officers, and the pursuit ended when the vehicle stopped at Taylor and Sierra Nevada and both suspects fled on foot. Officers searched the area and found one of the suspects hiding inside a residence he had broken into and the second suspect was found hiding within the block. A stolen .9 mm handgun was found in the vehicle and a pound of methamphetamine was also recovered. (POL)

INJURY COLLISION / HIT AND RUN

On September 6 a 12-year-old boy was riding his bicycle across Hammer Lane, east of Lorraine, when he was struck by a westbound vehicle. The child suffered serious head and chest injuries and was transported to UC Davis Medical Center. At approximately 8:20 a.m., on September 10, a 13-year-old boy was walking on a sidewalk near Likala and Stella Court, when a vehicle passing another vehicle drove onto the sidewalk and struck him and then fled the scene. The victim's injuries are not serious. The hit-and-run is being investigated. (POL)

WEAPONS ARREST

On September 7 Officers approached a subject they recognized from a disturbance the previous night. The subject ran and tossed a backpack containing a sawed-off shotgun near Don and Lucile. Officers later located and arrested the suspect inside his residence. (POL)

CRIMES AGAINST ELDERS

On September 9 Officers arrested a transient for theft from an elder, possession of stolen property, and burglary. The 40-year-old suspect got to know a 91-year-old man who was recently moved to a care facility. He burglarized the victim's home and removed and sold several valuable items. Follow-up by detectives led to the suspect's arrest and recovery of the stolen property. Also that day a 79-year-old woman, while shopping in the Mall, was robbed when a suspect grabbed her purse from her shoulder, causing her to fall. The suspect then ran out of the Mall and fled in a car waiting just outside the doors. (POL)

DISTURBANCE

Around noon on September 10 a large disturbance broke out at Bear Creek High School. During the disturbance two students battered the Principal and Vice Principal; a teacher was hit in the head by a flying plastic soda bottle; a school security officer suffered chest, knee, and ankle injuries; and a student was transported to a local hospital by ambulance for treatment of asthma. Two students were arrested for battery of school officials and booked at the Juvenile Justice Center. A third student was placed under citizen's arrest by the Principal for trespassing and subsequently resisted Officers' attempt to arrest her. She also was booked at the Juvenile Justice Center. Two students who began fighting approximately 30 minutes after the initial incident were arrested, cited, and released to their parents. As many as 30 Officers were utilized to break up the initial disturbance and most remained on campus to keep the peace as school let out. (POL)

ARSON/ATTEMPTED MURDER

At approximately 11:42 p.m., on September 10, Officers responded to Mayfair Apartments, located in the 800 block of North El Dorado, for traffic control at the scene of a two-alarm fire. The fire was started when the suspect poured a flammable liquid on her boyfriend and then tossed a match on him. The suspect was arrested at the scene after the victim showed up at a hospital and advised Officers of the incident. The victim suffered third-degree burns to his head and arms and was transferred to U.C. Davis Medical Center in stable condition. (POL)

CITY OF STOCKTON EMPLOYEE MEDICAL PLAN

Like other health plans all across the nation the City of Stockton Employee Medical Plan has experienced double-digit inflation in the cost of medical and prescription drug claims over the last three years. The Modified Employee Medical Plan has not been updated in ten years. The Human Resources Director will be arranging meetings with the bargaining units to begin exploring ideas for both cost-containment and plan design update features for the Medical Plan. (HR)

EXAMINATIONS

The Human Resources Department conducted the following examinations:

- Emergency Medical Services Transport Technician - Paramedic written and oral exam with 45 candidates invited.
- Police Telecommunicator I written exam with 127 candidates invited. (HR)

TRAINING

Fifteen mid-level managers from various City departments attended the new three-day course "Management and Leadership for the new Millennium." Presenters were Dr. Larry Bienati of Consultants to Management and Forrest Story of Public Sector Excellence. (HR)

2003 EMPLOYEE TRANSPORTATION SURVEY

September 8-12 was Transportation Survey Week. A survey form was distributed to all City of Stockton employees. Results from the survey will assist the City in determining how trip reduction efforts are doing, as well as provide ideas for increasing participation in the future. (HR)

RECRUITMENT ACTIVITIES

Full-Time Positions

Associate/Senior Planner

Fire Telecommunicator (Lateral)

Human Resources Analyst II/Senior

Librarian I/II

Police Officer (Academy Graduate)

Police Officer (Lateral)

Police Telecommunicator I

Part-Time Positions

Recreation Leader I/II/III/IV (Elementary and Middle Schools)

Umpires (Slow/Fast Pitch Softball)

Gymnastics Instructor

For information regarding current City of Stockton vacancies contact the Human Resources Department, 22 East Weber Avenue, Suite 150, Stockton, CA 95202, (209) 937-8233/TDD (209) 937-8101/Job Hotline (209) 937-8523. Download applications at www.stocktongov.com

The City of Stockton is an Equal Opportunity Employer. (HR)

CENTRAL BUILDING MAINTENANCE

- Job Walk for Fire Station 9 and the Senior Citizens Center roof replacements was held Tuesday, September 9th
- Cesar Chavez Library Interior Remodel specs were received last week and bid package is nearing completion
- City Attorney completed the draft contract for the P.D. Range and it is being reviewed by all parties
- Scanners are installed in the new Circulation Desk countertop at Cesar Chavez Library
- Lower cabinet is being fabricated for the vault in Fire Administration
- Roof at Fire Station 5 is 1/3 done. Top roof is covered and installation has started on the lower roof
- Telecommunication RFP has been sent to ITEC for review with a feedback date of 9/19
- Installed power for new roll-up door motor at Corp Yard Garage
- CIP lighting upgrade has begun at Fire Station 11 and Fire Station 4
- Preventative maintenance Inspection of the chiller at Cesar Chavez Library
- Preventative maintenance was started on air conditioning pneumatic controls at Main Police Department
- Lighting maintenance at City Hall and Cesar Chavez Library was done (AS-CBM)

STOCKTON EVENT CENTER

Two important milestones were reached this week for the advancement of the Stockton Event Center Project. On Tuesday night the Stockton City Council authorized the release of the Request for Proposals to Construction Management firms for "pre-construction and design-build construction services....." The schedule calls for responses due Oct. 1, 2003 and a construction contractor on board by November. The second major milestone this week saw the release of the Draft Environmental Impact Report. After months of information gathering, assessment, and report writing, the draft was distributed to all interested parties on Thursday, September 11 for a 45-day public review. (CM)

CITY MANAGER'S MEETINGS AND PRESENTATIONS

I held my respective weekly, bi-weekly, and monthly meetings with Mayor Podesto, Councilmember Bestolarides, Gary Ingraham and Mark Madison, Christine Tien, Roger Storey and Jim Giottonini, Terry Parker, Chief Chavez, and Steve Pinkerton.

I participated in the Mid-Management Training Session.

I met with John Hinson to discuss the vacant positions in the Administrative Services Department. I attended the United Way Kick-Off Luncheon. Teri Bentz and I met with Kate Post to discuss the Asparagus Festival.

I attended the Asparagus Festival Staff Meeting. Mayor Podesto, Chief Chavez, Jayne Williams, and I met with Mary Delgado and representatives from STAND to discuss south east Stockton. Steve Carrigan and I had a luncheon meeting with Mike Locke from San Joaquin Partnership to discuss various projects. Chief Gillis and I met with Jim Gold, Mike Klocke, and Kevin Parrish of The Record's Editorial Board.

I attended an informational meeting regarding the City's Health Plan. I met with John Knight, UOP, to discuss the Forecasting Center at the Eberhardt School of Business. I attended the September 11th Anniversary Tribute. Mayor Podesto, Steve Carrigan, and I met with Jim Randolph, Senior Vice-President of PG&E to discuss various redevelopment projects in Stockton. Roger Storey, Mike Niblock, and I discussed Paradise Villages.

I met with Mary Morley and Wally Storm to discuss AB616 and other issues. City staff and I met to discuss the Weber Avenue Median Beautification Project. I met with Michael Babowal and Jeff Acquistapace from Assemblymember Nakanishi's Office to discuss various issues.

I attended the Weston Ranch High School Dedication. (CM)

HAVE A GOOD WEEKEND!

MARK LEWIS
CITY MANAGER